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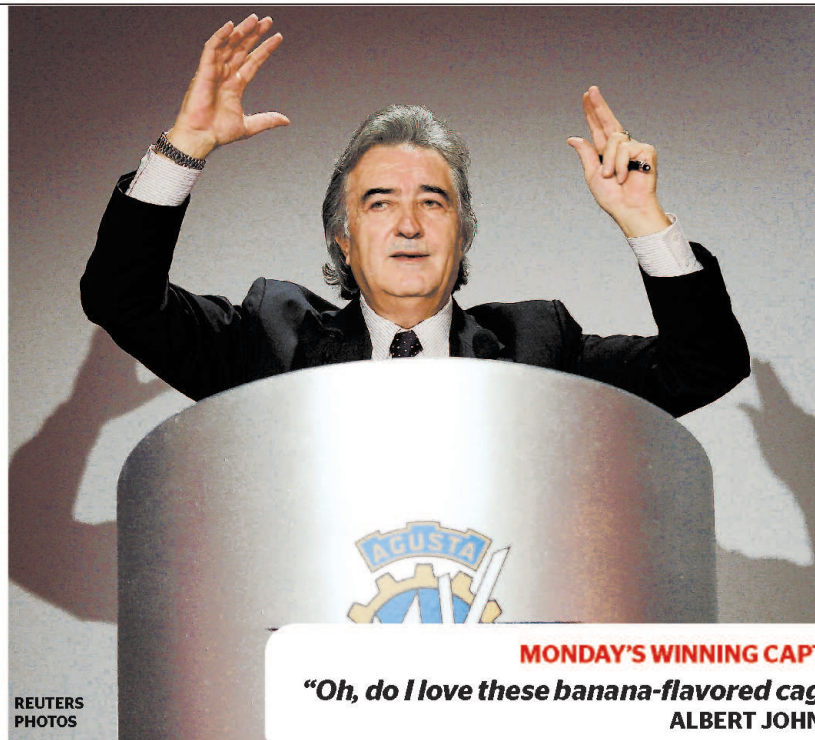
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Catch a lecture about Emma Darwin, the wife of evolution scientist Charles Darwin, at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Ina's (1235 W. Randolph St.). The event costs \$2. RSVP to 847-432-8255.

To taste

Sample more than 70 limited-edition seasonal beers at a winter beer tasting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Binny's Lakeview (3000 N. Clark St.), including Jewbelation 13-Bar Mitzvah from Shmaltz Brewing in New York (left). The event costs \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members. RSVP to 773-935-9400.

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Perhaps some rain?

WEB POLL

Team Taylor or Miley Militia? Who owns the teen music scene right now? We asked our Web readers to weigh in at redeye.chicago.com. Here are the results.

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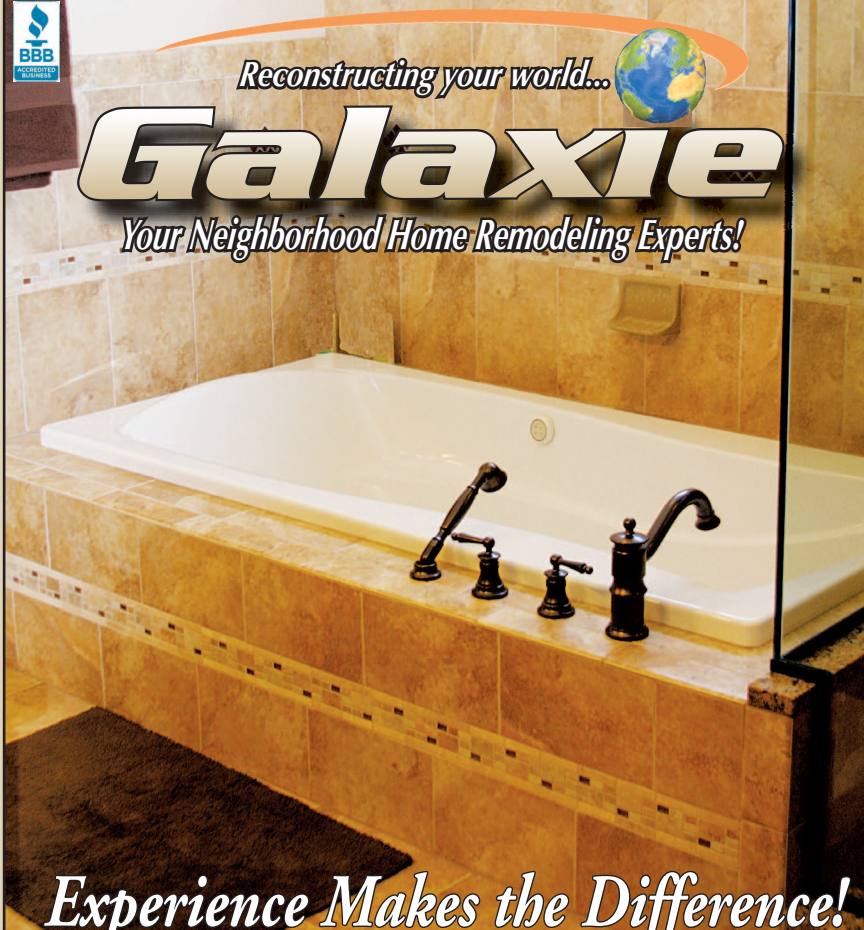
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A car drives past a segment of the East Side Gallery on Monday in Berlin on the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.



Giant domino pieces have been placed along a stretch of the Wall's original path, near Reichstag in Berlin.



Former Soviet Union Premier Mikhail Gorbachev (left), German Chancellor Angela Merkel (center) and former Polish President Lech Walesa.



Flowers in a preserved segment of the Berlin wall.

Reunited state

Berlin celebrates 20 years after the fall of the wall that divided the world

Reuters
BERLIN Chancellor Angela Merkel hailed the courage of easterners who helped bring down the Berlin Wall as the city celebrated the 20th anniversary of the events that marked the end of the Cold War and the beginning of a reunited Germany.

The first chancellor to have grown up in communist East Germany, Merkel is hosting dozens of world leaders, past and present, to remember the fall of the Wall.

“The night of Nov. 9, 1989, was the fulfillment of a dream,” Merkel said. “Many played a role. But it would not have been possible without the courage of the people in the former East Germany.” Merkel took a walk with former Soviet premier Mikhail Gorbachev and former Polish leader Lech Walesa across

the bridge at Bornholmer Strasse where East Berliners first breached the border two decades ago in an emotional rush to freedom.

Later on Monday, 1,000 brightly colored dominoes set up along a nearly one-mile stretch where the Wall once stood were to be toppled as world leaders watched from the Brandenburg Gate, once a symbol of division and now the signature image of a reunited Germany.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, French President Nicolas Sarkozy, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton—representing the World War II allies—all were in town to give speeches. Sarkozy put a picture of himself on social networking site Facebook that he said showed him hammering away at the Wall on the fateful night.

“It was a night full of enthusiasm: The German people reuniting marked the end of the Cold War and the start of a period of great freedom in Europe,” he wrote.

WALL FACTS

- » Sprang up in the early hours of Aug. 13, 1961
- » 136 people died trying to cross it
- » 5,000 people successfully got across
- » Total length was 96 miles
- » Total of 302 watchtowers and 20 bunkers were manned by seven units of 1,000 to 1,200 soldiers each
- » Protected by 127 alarm devices and 259 paths for guard dogs
- » With lamp posts about every 100 feet, the Wall also was the best-illuminated part of West Berlin. By contrast, East Berlin was quite dark at night

Chocolate for the troops

MCT
You probably know the feeling: All of a sudden, you crave chocolate. Doesn't matter what kind.

Senior Master Sgt. Kimberlee Keller had one of those cravings in mid-October. But it's not always easy to find chocolate at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan.

And if Keller, an Air Force paralegal at the massive airfield 25 miles outside of Kabul, couldn't find a single M&M at the base exchange, she wondered how military members in remote provinces get their fix.

So Keller, president of Bagram's Top 3—a mentoring and service organization open to senior enlisted personnel—decided to ask veterans groups in the U.S. to send chocolate to Afghanistan. The goods will be distributed to far-flung outposts as a holiday pick-me-up. Call the operation what you will: Edible Freedom. Enduring Fudge. Energizing Feast. Whatever you do, mail the goods by Nov. 20.

“Being away from home is very difficult, even more so for the holidays,” Keller wrote in a letter to VFW chapters. “This small token would mean so much to everyone.”

“We will package and hand out every bit of chocolate we receive,” Keller said. “I don't think we could ever receive too much chocolate!”

MAKING HISTORY

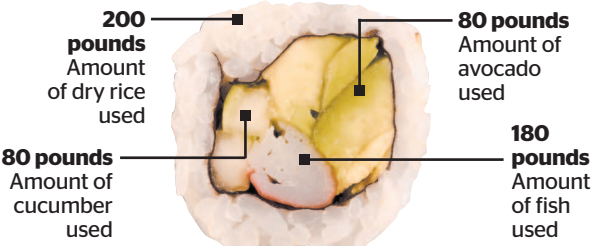


It began with ninjas and it ended with tofu, and somewhere in the middle hundreds of amateur sushi rollers set a new world record. The world's longest California roll was made Sunday on the University of California, Berkeley campus. Here's some raw data.

330 feet
Length of the finished product, complete with avocado, cucumber and faux-crab meat

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Record set in Hawaii in 2001

WHAT'S IN THE LARGEST CALIFORNIA ROLL?





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RIDER'S BLOCK

My pledge to ride every CTA bus line continues. I rode the No. 93-California/Dodge last week and boiled my review down to 140 characters, the size of a Twitter tweet. Check out photos at redeyechicago.com/busride.

» **@tracyswartz:**
40 min from Kimball Brown Line stop to Davis Purple Line stop. Grab your bookbag: North Park University, several secondary schools on route.
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KEEP UP WITH TRACY

Check out the new "Going Public" blog at redeyechicago.com/goingpublic. Send questions to Tracy via Twitter ([@tracyswartz](https://twitter.com/tracyswartz)) or Facebook (facebook.com/tracyswartz).

Schedule reality

"X" may mark the spot for elimination. The CTA board is expected to vote Thursday on proposed fare hikes and service cuts including the cancellation of nine express bus routes.

The nine routes up for termination are: Nos. X3-King-Drive; X4-Cottage-Grove; X9-Ashland; X20-Washington-Madison; X49-Western; 53AL-South-Pulaski-Limited; X54-Cicero; X55-Garfield; and X80-Irving-Park.

At a recent CTA community meeting in South Shore, some riders complained their commute would be longer without these express buses. But how much time does an express bus save? "Going Public" compared the most recent weekday schedules for four express routes up for elimination to their non-express counterparts.

No. 3-King-Drive bus runs between 95th Street and King Drive and the Near North Side

» Express ridership for an average weekday: 2,679
» If both buses left for the North Side at 8:01 a.m. ...
From 95th Street and King Drive to Cermak Road and Michigan Avenue on No. X3: **44 minutes**
From 95th Street and King Drive to Cermak Road and Michigan Avenue on No. 3: **50 minutes**

No. 20-Madison bus runs between the Oak Park area and the Loop area

» Express ridership for an average weekday: 2,877
» If both buses left for the Loop area at 8:50 a.m. ...
From Madison Street and Austin Boulevard to Madison Street and Pulaski Road on No. X20: **13 minutes**
From Madison Street and Austin Boulevard to Madison Street and Pulaski Road on No. 20: **16 minutes**

No. 49-Western bus runs between the Southwest Side and Lincoln Square

» Express ridership for an average weekday: 17,328
» If both buses left for Ashburn about 6:05 a.m. ...
From Berwyn and Western Avenues to 79th Street and Western Avenue on No. X49: **1 hour, 9 minutes**
From Berwyn and Western Avenues to 79th Street and Western Avenue on No. 49: **1 hour, 21 minutes**

No. 55-Garfield bus runs between Midway Airport and the Museum of Science and Industry

» Express ridership for an average weekday: 5,712
» If both buses left for the Museum of Science and Industry at 6:15 a.m. ...
From Midway to the museum on No. X55: **38 minutes**
From Midway to the museum on No. 55: **45 minutes**

TALK TO US

How will you cope if the transit board approves fare hikes and service cuts? Tell Tracy by sending an e-mail to tswartz@tribune.com. Please include your full name, age and neighborhood in case we publish your thoughts.



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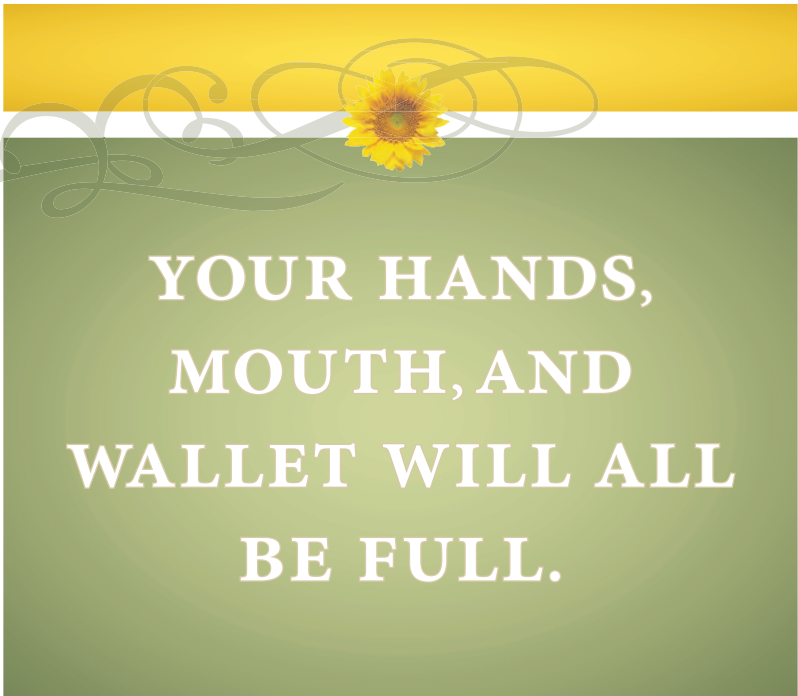
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Feds: Al Qaida video at suspect's home

Federal prosecutors have stepped up efforts to keep in custody a Chicago businessman linked to an international terrorist plot, saying in their latest filing that DVDs linked to al Qaida were found in his home. Tahawwur Hussain Rana, 48, was charged last month with conspiring to take revenge on a Danish newspaper for publishing unflattering cartoons about the Prophet Muhammad. A judge could decide on Nov. 19 whether to release Rana on bond pending a trial.

What killed Chris Kelly?

Political fundraiser Christopher Kelly died after taking an overdose of pain medications, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. Kelly overdosed on salicylate, used in such medications as aspirin, and acetaminophen, Tylenol's main ingredient, the office said. A toxicology report also showed diphenhydramine, commonly sold as Benadryl. Last month, Country Club Hills Mayor Dwight Welch reported Kelly ingested a pain reliever and rat poison.

Student shot dead in Lawndale

A 16-year-old boy was found shot to death in a parked car Sunday night in Lawndale. At about 11:30 p.m. Sunday, police responded to a report of shots fired in the 1500 block of South Christiana Avenue, said Chicago Police News Affairs Officer Hector Alfaro. When they arrived, police found three gunshot victims. All three victims were sitting in the parked car when a dark-colored vehicle pulled up to the car and opened fire, Alfaro said.

CPS expands Arabic program in schools

The Chicago Public School District is expanding its Arabic language program to three additional schools and adding more online instruction in the language. The moves are paid for by a three-year \$888,000 U.S. Department of Education grant. Mayor Daley announced the grant Monday at Durkin Park Elementary School, where kindergarten through fifth-grade students already are taught Arabic. School officials said they hadn't decided which schools will get the new Arabic programs.

'Amazing individual'

Hundreds attend funeral for slain DePaul senior

Chicago Tribune

In a standing-room-only funeral service, Francisco "Frankie" Valencia Jr. was remembered Monday for his ability to bring together people from all walks of life, how he loved reading Lincoln biographies and playing "Guitar Hero," and how he enjoyed working with kids.

"Frankie was a hero to all us of—our Superman," Tracey DeLeon, Valencia's godmother, said about the popular DePaul University senior.



Valencia Jr.

An estimated 900 people gathered to say goodbye to Valencia, a political science major and student leader who was slain Nov. 1 at a Halloween party in a shooting that also

wounded a fellow DePaul senior, Daisy Camacho. Two reputed gang members have been charged with murder in connection with his death.

In several eulogies at St. Vincent DePaul Church, Valencia's tearful family and friends described how he stood out for his charisma, his intellect, his love of education and his endless energy at organizing successful groups and fun gatherings.

At the funeral, Valencia was posthumously awarded with the Student Laureate Medallion from the Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Valencia had been notified of the service award 10 days before his death.

"He had so many activities and accomplishments on his application, it was incomprehensible that he could have done so much at such a young age," said John Simon, the award program's chancellor.



Family and friends of Francisco "Frankie" Valencia Jr. gather Monday following his funeral service at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Chicago. JOSE M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE

On the cover of the funeral program was a photo of Valencia and four young children, all smiling and flashing peace signs.

Valencia's friends said he would not soon be forgotten. He was always organizing gatherings with friends, such as a football outing this Saturday in his memory and a softball league that will start up again next summer.

"He was an amazing individual," said college friend Sarah Rothman. "He had the unique ability to connect with every person he came in contact with."

THE ARRESTS

Reputed gang members Narcisco Gatica, 19, and Berly Valladares, 21, were ordered held without bail in the shooting at a house in the 1700 block of North Rockwell Street. Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Jodi Peterson said witnesses saw Gatica toss a handgun under a porch. A gun was recovered from the area, and ballistics tests matched it to bullets from the crime scene, Peterson said.

New guidelines for CPS and racial makeup

Chicago Tribune

Chicago Public Schools officials are set to release new guidelines for integrating the city's coveted magnet and selective schools using socioeconomic factors, a decision prompted by a federal ruling lifting a racial integration order in late September.

The decision to end the so-called desegrega-

tion consent decree means the use of racial quotas for admissions to the city's roughly 75 magnet and selective schools will now give way to factors like income, native language spoken at home and both educational and marital status of parents, sources said.

Those criteria will not be measured by family but by census tract, sources said. The district has

no time to waste—applications for these schools must be submitted by the middle of December. The district will have to use the new criteria to determine admission for next school year.

The original case began nearly 29 years ago, when the U.S. government sued Chicago Public Schools for discriminating against black and Hispanic students

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Ida weakens

1 Once-powerful Hurricane Ida, now weakened to tropical storm status, headed across the Gulf of Mexico on Monday taking aim at the U.S. coastline between Louisiana and Florida.

Sniper execution

2 The Supreme Court on Monday denied a bid to stay Tuesday's execution of a sniper whose deadly shooting spree terrorized the Washington, D.C., area in 2002. The ruling paves the way for John Allen Muhammad to be put to death Tuesday in Virginia.

Strike over

3 Philadelphia transit workers reached a deal early Monday to end a strike that shut down bus, subway and trolley service in America's sixth most populous city for almost a week, officials said. Buses and trains were running again for the morning rush hour.

Seeking help

4 Military officials dealing with the Fort Hood shootings have called on Virginia Tech for guidance in coping with the trauma that follows such violence.



Suicide attack

5 A suicide bomber in an auto-rickshaw blew himself up in Pakistan on Monday, killing three people when police stopped him at a checkpoint on the outskirts of Peshawar, police said. It was the second fatal attack in the region in 24 hours. **REUTERS PHOTO**

Stocks up

Global stocks rallied Monday and gold surged to a record high above \$1,110 an ounce after Group of 20 policy-makers over the weekend pledged to keep emergency economic aid in place until a recovery was assured.

Charger recall

Nokia announced Monday that some 14 million mobile phone chargers could be dangerous for users, and said it will replace them free of charge. More info at Nokia's recall site: chargerexchange.nokia.com.

Rich and auctioned

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3 American hikers face espionage charges in Iran

6 **TEHRAN** Three Americans taken into custody near the border with Iraq on July 31 are facing spying charges, Iran's judiciary said Monday. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton immediately called for their release.

Tehran's chief prosecutor Abbas Jaffari Doulatatabadi said investigations were continuing against the three hikers, Shane Bauer, 27; Sarah Shourd, 31; and Josh Fattal, 27, the official IRNA news agency reported.

Clinton said there was "no evidence" for Iran to charge the Americans.

STATUS REPORT

A Swiss diplomat visited the three Americans in Iran's notorious Evin prison last month, according to their families, who said the trio were "in good physical shape."

"We believe strongly that there is no evidence to support any charge whatsoever," Clinton told reporters during a visit to Germany for celebrations commemorating the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Family and friends of the three have said they were hiking in a mountainous border

region in northern Iraq near a famous waterfall when they unintentionally strayed into Iran.

A friend of the trio, who would have traveled with them to Iraq for the hike and would have been with them at the time of their arrest but for a bout of illness, appealed to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad last week to free them as soon as possible.

"Mr President, by continuing to deprive Shane, Sarah and Josh of their liberty, Iran is working against some of the very causes it supports," Shon Meckfessel wrote.



Higher ground

7 Surrounded by floodwaters, villagers in the northern Malaysian state of Kelantan gather their cows and vehicles on a dry spot of land over the weekend. Hundreds of villagers were evacuated after floods were triggered at the start of monsoon season. **GETTY IMAGES**



Watch where you walk

Florida, with the four most treacherous metropolitan areas for walking, is the most dangerous state in the U.S. for pedestrians. That's according to the Pedestrian Danger Index, which is used to assess the risk of walking in urban areas.

Nine of the top 10 cities (shown below) are in the southern U.S.

"These areas are dominated by lower density and automobile-orientated development patterns, which include high-speed urban arterials that are particularly hazardous for walking," according to the report by Transportation for America, (T4), a coalition of organizations focused on transportation problems.

Among the safest metro cities to take a stroll in are Minneapolis-St. Paul, Boston and New York.

THE WORST CITIES

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| 2. Tampa | 8. Houston |
| 3. Miami | 9. Birmingham, Ala. |
| 4. Jacksonville | 10. Atlanta |
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DITCHING BRADLEY ATOP CUBS' LIST AS GM MEETINGS OPEN

Chicago Tribune

After spending the last two winters trying in vain to acquire second baseman Brian Roberts and pitcher Jake Peavy, Cubs General Manager Jim Hendry hopes he can unload Milton Bradley in quick fashion.

But as the GM meetings began Monday, there was no certainty that was possible.

Texas may have the most interest, but sources insisted the Rangers would agree only to a deal if the Cubs ate most of the remaining \$21 million on Bradley's contract. That's a route Hendry seems unwilling to take for now.

Toronto reportedly wants no part of Bradley, despite a rumor on foxsports.com of a three-way deal in which the Cubs acquired Mets second baseman Luis Castillo for Bradley. New York would then send Bradley to Toronto for Lyle Overbay.

After Hendry told the team he was suspending Bradley for the final 15 games in September, several players applauded after the GM left the clubhouse.

Does that make it impossible for Bradley to return?

"Other people have had some major hiccups

SOX HITS

Another Beckham?

Ken Williams appreciates Scott Podsednik's contributions, but the White Sox's general manager said he won't sacrifice other needs for the sake of filling the leadoff role.

"We're going have to fight tooth and nail offensively, no matter what comes down the pike at this point," Williams told reporters Monday at the general managers' meetings. Williams would like to add a left-handed hitter—either a power hitter or a speedster with a high on-base percentage. He wasn't sure who would be available

but intimidated more trades could be made involving players who are arbitration-eligible or potential free agents.

Another consideration is the emergence of prospect Jordan Danks, a left-handed outfielder who is excelling in the Arizona Fall League and could prompt Alex Rios to shift from center field to right.

"I feel the same way [about Danks] as I felt about Gordon Beckham at this stage last year," Williams said. "That's pretty good."

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along the way and come back," Hendry said. "He's on your roster until proven differently."

Other Cub-related items from the first day of the meetings:

Rich Harden is holding out hope of remaining a Cub. His agent, Arn Tellem, is in Chicago and plans to meet with Hendry soon.

The Cubs are focusing on re-signing free-agent left-hander John Grabow, who

is expected to sign a two-year deal with an option for 2012.

Carlos Zambrano's agent, Barry Praver, said there has been no talk by Zambrano or the Cubs about waiving his no-trade clause.

Hendry didn't rule out the possibility of top prospect Starlin Castro playing short in 2010. The Cubs plan on moving Kosuke Fukudome back to right, leaving them in the market for a center fielder.

Bears fans expect nil

On Sunday I got some re-tweet action from this one: "Time of death of Tommie Harris' career: 12:06 p.m., 11/8/2009."

Little did I know that just a little while later, I could've tweeted: "Time of death of the 2009 Chicago Bears: 1:25 p.m., 11/8/2009."

Lovie Smith famously likes to separate the 16-game schedule into four quarters.

Here goes: In the second quarter of this season, the Bears ...

1. Have given away a game to Atlanta, a team they're battling for a wild-card spot

2. Got blown out by 35, which could've been 65 had Cincy not relented

3. Looked ugly in a home win against the worst team in the NFL

4. Got blown out at home by 20, which could've been 40 had Arizona not relented.

Receivers quitting on routes—again. (Thanks, Earl.) Quarterback under constant pressure—again. Pass rush not getting pressure—again. (Thanks, Tommie.) Defensive backfield looking lost on coverage—again. Too many stupid penalties—again.

I've not yet been on the fire-all-the-coaches train with this current Bears staff. Fans (and media) jump the gun far too often. But when an entire team begins to regress in all phases like these 2009 Chicago Bears ... it's time to raise the question.

I don't care that the Bears are only one game behind the wild-card leaders. The Bears are headed backward. It's over for this season, and I hate that it's over.

Our expectations were quite high after last year's narrow playoff miss and the Jay Cutler trade, and in typical Chicago fashion, our team has not delivered.

So here's how I suggest we cope with the rest of the schedule: We will expect nothing. Not 8-8. Not 6-10. Nothing. Shoot, if Detroit finished 6-10, they'd be pretty jazzed about 2010.

Let's make lowered expectations work for us too. Sure, a win for pride against the Pack or Vikes would be nice. But I'm expecting to watch only one game in January from this team, and that's Week 17.

Fantasy football-rooting rules are now in effect.



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Loss, fail

The only bigger losers than the Bears? You might just be looking at them. Follow along at redeyechicago.com/5on5.



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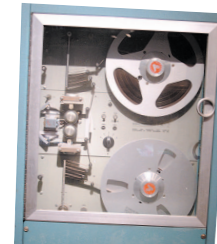
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1 What should happen if the Bears lose Thursday in San Francisco?

Singletary has to perform his part of the "Super Bowl Shuffle." He owes us that much.

For the rest of the year, Target should get ready for a lot of husbands doing Sunday shopping.

You put away the Bears stuff and take out your Bulls and 'Hawks stuff.

The Park District should ban them from Soldier Field for grand displays of public indecency.

Someone must be deleted. Start at the top.

2 How long before you abandon the Bears entirely?

I'm not some fair-weather fan. I plan on riding this train of suck all the way to the last station.

Whoa, whoa. This is my team. You don't fire the fans. You fire the coach. Do it.

We're still a long way from Oakland/Cleveland/Detroit status. No abandoning.

Never. They're a good team. I should believe Lovie's mouth and not my eyes, right?

The better question is: How long before the digital takeover of the world? HAHHAHAHA!

3 Very early, but the Bulls are in first. How's that sound?

Very unlike a Chicago sporting team. Won't last.

Sounds like the question guy doesn't realize Thanksgiving hasn't even arrived.

Sounds about right; I called 'em as a No. 4 seed come April.

4-2 is a large enough sample size to extrapolate a 54-win season, right?

Sounds like someone's counting their chickens before they're hatched. Idiotic humans.

4 Why are baseball general managers meeting near O'Hare this week?

It's time for the annual "How Can We Screw the Cubs This Year?" meeting.

It's near the Greyhound bus depot they're coming in on.

To expedite shipping Milton outta town. He can be on a flight in minutes!

They're debating moving the Marlins to a kiosk at Woodfield Mall. They'd draw better.

They all told Milton Bradley they were meeting at Midway.

5 How welcome is the return of college basketball?

Let's see: Cubs sucked. Bears suck. IU football sucks. Yeah, I'm ready.

Very. It's great to have back a sport that's only partially corrupt to the core.

Wait, it's March already?

It doesn't start till March, right?

I can't wait till millions of people fill out their bracket online. Makes me feel warm and fuzzy. Literally.

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Toews back in action

Jonathan Toews' long wait finally ended. As did Ben Eager's even longer wait.

The Blackhawks forwards returned to action Monday night after recovering from concussions.

Toews missed six games after taking a crunching check from the Canucks' Willie Mitchell on Oct. 21.

"I thought I might only be [out] a couple of games, and it went to four games and last week to six," Toews said.

"It just kind of kept dragging out. You feel like you're very close to being 100 percent, but you know with any tiny, little symptom it's not good to go out there and try and play through it. You don't know what you're risking.

"It was hard, it was depressing and especially frustrating. It feels like it's something you can easily play through, but you have to give it a little more time when you feel like it's time to go. I did that and I paid my dues."

Eager hadn't played since Oct. 3, missing 13 games. The veteran had been feeling concussion symptoms before the season began but played in the Hawks' opening games in Helsinki before shutting it down.

"It was a long stretch being out of the lineup," Eager said. "You're hoping to feel better every morning when you wake up, and the last couple of weeks I've felt great every day."

BLACKHAWKS 4, L.A. KINGS 1

First the Blackhawks welcomed back Jonathan Toews and Ben Eager back to lineup, and then they welcomed their power play back from the dead.

The Hawks exploded for three goals in the third period, including power-play scores from Troy Brouwer and Toews, and went on to defeat the L.A. Kings 4-1 Monday night at the United Center.

Cristobal Huet picked up the win in goal.

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Notice anything different about me? No? I'm undergoing a skin rejuvenation process. I guess all this fur gets in the way. Here now, my TV picks.

WRESTLING ECW

9 p.m. Syfy
A Survivor Series preview. I hope they keep that naked Machiavellian dude away.



NBA Bulls vs. Denver

7 p.m. CSN
Introducing your first-place Chicago Bulls. Sounds weird. Sounds wrong.



» After six games with the Wolves, goalie Manny Legace, a veteran of 10 NHL seasons, has been signed by the Carolina Hurricanes.

» Bears coach Lovie Smith said he would wait for the NFL to look into Tommie Harris' punch before deciding on any further discipline. Smith implied that Harris' ejection was enough punishment for the defensive tackle. Harris apologized Monday.

» Two days after undergoing surgery to repair a fractured left forearm, Tyrus Thomas returned to the Berto Center with his injured arm in a sling. Coach Vinny Del Negro said Thomas would be re-evaluated by team physicians Tuesday. He's expected to miss four to six weeks.

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T-Day to-do's

9 easy steps to hosting the perfect Thanksgiving dinner

By Lisa Arnett and M. Kathleen Pratt

It finally happened: You're grown up enough to host your own Thanksgiving dinner. But now what? Start chipping away at this checklist now and you'll be good to go by Thanksgiving Day.

- Snag a seat at the **Everything But the Turkey class** (6:30 p.m. Nov. 19, \$69) at Sur La Table (52-54 E. Walton St. 312-337-8544), where you'll learn to make a host of soups, salads and sides, from cranberry chutney to Brussels sprouts gratin with bacon and bourbon.

- Pre-order pies from Hoosier Mama Pie Shop (1618 ½ W. Chicago Ave. 312-243-4846), where Thanksgiving options include apple quince (\$20), cranberry chess (\$18, left) and classic pumpkin (\$20), among others. Don't delay—capacity is 400 pies, and they've already received about 250 orders. Order by phone or in person (online ordering not available for Thanksgiving pies) for pickup Nov. 24-26.

- Reserve your bird with Green Grocer Chicago (1402 W. Grand Ave. 312-624-9508), which is offering broad-breasted white turkeys from TJ's Pastured Free Range Poultry in Piper City, Ill. (\$3.75 per pound). Order by Nov. 16 for pickup Nov. 24-25. Sizing options and orders: info@greengrocerchicago.com.

- Stock up on wine at affordable new West Town shop The Noble Grape (802 N. Bishop St. 312-846-1204), where staff picks include Cycle Clement's pinot noir (\$15, great with turkey and stuffing) and Montinore Estate's gewurztraminer (\$16, right), which has a slight effervescence to stand up to rich side dishes.

- Don't forget the beer-drinkers! Pick up a growler of Magnus, a German-style schwartz (black lager) with roasty chocolate notes and a clean finish (\$15.50), at Half Acre Beer Co. (4257 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-248-4038).

- Hit up Willow (850 N. Damen Ave. 773-772-0140), an offbeat gift boutique that's returned in pop-up form for the holidays after closing earlier this year, for cool carafes (\$30-\$45) and quirky serving platters (\$32-\$42, right) with designs such as skulls and silverware cross-bones and an anatomical heart captioned "eat your heart out."



- Swing by Bucktown home shop Crosell & Co. (1922 N. Damen Ave. 773-252-9010), where owner Dianne Crosell will help you pick the perfect tablecloth to dress up your sad-lookin' hand-me-down table from a collection of kitschy runners, elegant French-made cloths and more (\$30 and up).

- Raid the Green City Market, now at its seasonal location at the lot north of the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum (2430 N. Cannon Drive), for locally grown autumn veggies. Market runs 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays and Wednesdays, including Nov. 25, when you can catch a chef demo by Rob and Allie Leavitt of Mado (10:30-11 a.m.). No market Nov. 28.

- Load up on fresh loaves for the table at new West Town bakery La Farine (1461 W. Chicago Ave. 312-850-4019), which is offering special fig-anise, raisin-walnut, cranberry-walnut and potato-pumpkin breads for the holiday (prices vary, \$2-\$8). Order at least 48 hours in advance; La Farine opens for pickup only Thanksgiving Day (8 a.m.-1 p.m.).



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METROMIX THANKSGIVING GUIDE
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By Rebecca Palmore
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tue 10 Anniversary party

The Drawing Room, 937 N. Rush St. 312-266-2694

The culinary cocktail lounge celebrates two years of business with 20 percent discounts on fish and chips and other autumn menu items, plus \$10 gift certificates to use on a return visit. 6 p.m. Through Saturday. No cover.

Burker Week

David Burke's Primehouse, 616 N. Rush St. 312-660-6000

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wed 11 Sweet 16 of Mixology

Landmark, 1633 N. Halsted St. 312-587-1600

Watch bartenders Benjamin Schiller (Boka) and Zach Friedlander (Relax Lounge) face off in the final round of this cocktail competition. Includes drink samples and appetizers. 6:30 p.m. No cover.

'Bear Down!'

Pub Theater at Fizz Bar & Grill, 3220 N. Lincoln Ave.

The "Bye Bye Liver" crew unveils a new comedy about the ups and downs of being a Chicago Bears fanatic. Includes drink specials. 8 p.m. Through Dec. 16. \$10. 773-904-8777.

thu 12 Jon Lajoie

Zanies, 1548 N. Wells St. 312-337-4027

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Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave.

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A fare to remember?

Going home for Thanksgiving? Predictions on number of holiday travelers still a guessing game

By Tracy Swartz
REDEYE

Count Paige Worthy of Lincoln Square among the tens of thousands of travelers expected to crowd Midway during the week of Thanksgiving, one of the busiest travel days of the year.

Worthy, 26, said she's booked a \$52 plane ticket home to Kansas City, Kan., after not traveling last Thanksgiving.

"I didn't go back last year, but that was the first year in a long time I didn't go back. That was just a personal choice," Worthy said. "I booked my ticket about a month ago ... I'm pretty obsessed with making sure I'm getting a good deal."

Despite the economy, an increase in checked baggage fees and fewer flights, more travelers are expected to fly for Thanksgiving this year compared to last year, travel experts told RedEye. One reason: Airline ticket prices were down 1 percent near the end of October—when many travelers booked Thanksgiving airfare—compared to the same time last year, according to data supplied by Bing Travel. Since then, Thanksgiving airfare prices have crept up and are now about 8.5 percent higher than in November 2008.

But there are conflicting predictions.

The Air Transport Association, an airline industry trade group, released a new forecast Monday predicting a 4 percent drop over last year in Thanksgiving travel.

"It is increasingly apparent that the economic headwinds facing the airlines and their customers are anything but behind us," said James C. May, the group's president and CEO. He said the unemployment rate jumping above 10 percent last month has affected consumer buying decisions.

Although airlines have deeply discounted fares over the past several months, U.S. airlines have struggled this year with declining traffic during the recession.

The group said with fewer flights, planes are likely to be full over Thanksgiving.

Bing Travel fare tracker Joel Grus said

Thanksgiving fares were down about 22 percent in August this year compared to August 2008—but the numbers may be misleading.

Oil prices were high last summer, Grus said, which caused Thanksgiving fares to be higher for people who purchased them in the summer than in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving.

This year is more typical of the holiday fare trend: The prices tend to increase as you get closer to the holiday.

"There is some appetite out there for purchasing air travel. If you judge by prices, we're not seeing the same weakness that we were seeing last holidays," Grus said.

Atle Skalleberg, vice president of marketing for Student Universe, an online student travel agency, said he's seen a double-digit increase in the number of Thanksgiving trip bookings and Internet searches for ticket prices. He said many students find going home for Thanksgiving mandatory, and "it's about getting home at any price."

Meanwhile, on the ground, experts expect a boost in car and train travel.

"People are starting to travel again. We're seeing a resurgence," AAA Chicago spokeswoman Beth Mosher said. "We're seeing driving trips, flying trips, longer trips. People are taking advantage of deals."

Meanwhile, Amtrak may see an increase in holiday travel compared to last year, Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said. Last year, Amtrak saw 659,184 rides nationwide during the week of Thanksgiving, down from 666,716 rides in 2007. Magliari said Amtrak's route from Chicago to St. Louis already has seen an increase in ridership from last year.

That's the route Jessi Odenbach of Lincoln Park plans to take to see her parents in St. Louis. Odenbach, 27, said she prefers the five-hour train ride to a chaotic airport. And not going home wasn't an option.

Said Odenbach: "I typically go home every year for Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a must." TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM, AP CONTRIBUTED.

Paige Worthy, 26, is flying home to Kansas City, Kan., for Thanksgiving and found a great deal on airline tickets from Midway Airport.

BRIAN J. MOROWCZYNSKI FOR REDEYE





Finding a good price

Time to pray—for lower airline fares. The cost of Thanksgiving airfare nationwide is up 8.5 percent from a year ago, according to November data supplied by Bing Travel. This year, the average roundtrip fare is \$356 compared to \$328 during the same time last year.

Locally, Thanksgiving fares from Midway Airport are up almost 1 percent compared to last year. The average fare is

\$396, up from \$393 in 2008.

The news isn't great for O'Hare travelers either. The cost of Thanksgiving airfare from O'Hare airport is up about 11 percent from a year ago. The average fare is \$332, compared to \$300 last year.

RedEye looks at roundtrip Thanksgiving fare differences from 2009 to 2008 for the least and most expensive destinations in the U.S. from O'Hare. **TRACY SWARTZ**

Flying low

For the least expensive places to travel for Thanksgiving from O'Hare, airfare to:

- » **Kansas City International Airport** costs \$168 this year, down nearly 17 percent from \$202 in 2008.
- » **Detroit Metro Airport** costs \$172 this year, up 17 percent from \$147 in 2008
- » **Lambert-St. Louis International Airport** costs \$178 this year, up 4 percent from \$171 in 2008.
- » **Port Columbus International Airport** costs \$181 this year, down 10 percent from \$202 in 2008.
- » **Omaha's Eppley Airfield** costs \$184 this year, down 8 percent from \$201 in 2008.

Flying high

For the most expensive places to travel for Thanksgiving from O'Hare, airfare to:

- » **Honolulu International Airport** costs \$1,034 this year, up 31 percent from \$786 in 2008.
- » **Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport** costs \$485 this year, up nearly 17 percent from \$415 in 2008.
- » **Southwest Florida International Airport** costs \$480 this year, up 50 percent from \$319 in 2008.
- » **Portland International Airport** costs \$457 this year, up nearly 14 percent from \$402 in 2008.
- » **Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport** costs \$454 this year, up nearly 22 percent from \$373 in 2008.

Flight of the young professionals

Planning on a Thanksgiving staycation this year? You're not alone. One in seven young professionals who traveled for Thanksgiving last year don't plan to travel for the holiday this year, according to a survey from American Express.

Echo Research surveyed 2,009 American adults in September and zeroed in on the Thanksgiving travel plans for young professionals between the ages of 18 and 29. Here are the findings by the numbers. **TRACY SWARTZ**

On how much money young professionals plan to spend traveling for Thanksgiving this year compared to last year:

56% Plan to spend the same amount as last year. **22%** Plan to spend less than last year. **13%** Plan to spend more than last year. **10%** Said travel costs were not applicable to them.

On Thanksgiving plans this year compared to last year:

14% Said they are not traveling this year after traveling for Thanksgiving last year. **57%** Said their travel plans have not changed this year compared to last year.

11%: Said they are driving this year instead of flying. **8%:** Said their Thanksgiving vacation is shorter this year. **9%:** Said their Thanksgiving vacation is longer this year. **7%:** Said they are using reward points to book travel. **7%:** Said their travel plans did not fit in the above categories.

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- **Christmas Carol** (PG) 1:00,3:20,5:50,8:15,10:45
- **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) 3:00,5:30,8:00,10:30
- **Michael Jackson** (PG) 1:50,4:45,7:30,10:20
- **Saw VI** (R) 7:40,10:00
- **Where the Wild** (PG) 1:30,4:10,7:10,9:45
- **Paranormal Act** (R) 1:15,3:45,6:15,8:30,10:50
- AMC Select **New York** (R) 5:10 P.M.
- **Couples Retreat** (PG-13) 1:40,4:20,7:20,10:10

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- **Capitalism-Lv** (R) 2:00,4:50,8:30
- **Coco Before** (PG-13) 1:30,4:15,7:10,9:50
- **An Education** (PG-13) 1:45,4:30,7:00,9:45
- **A Serious Man** (R) 1:50,4:45,7:30,10:05
- **New York** (R) 1:55,4:40,7:20,9:55

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)

2600 N. Western Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1642

- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) ★ 9:40,11:00,12:10,1:40,2:40,4:10,5:10,6:40,7:40,9:10,10:10
- **Christmas Carol** (PG) ★ 11:40,2:10,4:40,7:10,9:40
- **Precious: Novel** (R) ★ 10:00,11:10,12:40,1:50,3:30,4:30,6:20,7:15,9:00,9:50
- **Michael Jackson** (PG) ★ 11:15,1:00,2:00,3:50,4:45,6:30,7:30,9:20,10:15
- **Michael Jackson** (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 11:50,2:50,5:30,8:15
- **Astro Boy** (PG) 10:10,12:30,3:00,5:20
- **Paranormal Act** (R) 10:50,11:45,1:30,2:15,4:00,4:50,6:50,7:20,9:30,9:45
- **Saw VI** (R) 8:00,10:20
- **Law Abiding** (R) 11:30,2:20,5:00,7:50,10:30
- **Where the Wild** (PG) 9:50,12:50,3:20,6:05
- **Couples Retreat** (PG-13) 10:20,1:20,4:20,7:00,10:00
- **Zombieland** (R) 8:30,10:45

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893

- **Men Who Stare** (R) 4:15,6:15,8:15,10:15
- **Christmas Carol** (PG) 5:00,7:00,9:00
- **The Box** (PG-13) 5:10,7:40,10:00
- **Michael Jackson** (PG) 5:00,7:30,10:00

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- **The Box** (PG-13) 1:50,4:30,7:10,9:50
- **Christmas Carol** (PG) 12:40,3:00,5:20,7:40,10:00
- **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) 12:30,2:45,5:00,7:20,9:40
- **Michael Jackson** (PG) 12:45,1:45,3:20,4:20,5:50,7:00,8:30,9:30
- **Cirque Du Freak** (PG-13) 1:40,4:25,7:05,9:45
- **Astro Boy** (PG) 12:55,3:05,5:25,7:40,9:55
- **Saw VI** (R) 1:05,2:00,3:15,4:15,5:30,6:30,7:45,8:45,10:00
- **Where the Wild** (PG) 1:15,3:40,6:00,8:30
- **Paranormal Act** (R) 1:00,3:10,5:20,7:30,9:35
- **The Stepfather** (PG-13) 2:30,4:55,7:25,9:55
- **Law Abiding** (R) 12:50,2:15,3:15,4:45,5:45,7:15,8:15,9:45

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

164 State Street
312-846-2800

- **Charlie and...** (PG) 6:00 P.M.
- **Afghan Star** (NR) 6:00 P.M.
- **Bliss** (NR) 7:45 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE

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(773) 252-0628

- **Astro Boy** (PG) 2:05,4:15,6:20,8:30
- **Couples Retreat** (PG-13) 2:10,4:20,6:30,8:40
- **Zombieland** (R) 2:00,4:00,6:05,8:10
- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) 2:00,4:05,6:10,8:20

MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago
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- **Antichrist** (NR) 5:00,7:20,9:40
- **The Horse Boy** (NR) 5:30,7:30,9:30

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- **IngLOURious** (R) 3:00,6:30
- **Ajab Prem** (NR) 1:30,7:00
- **(Untitled)** (R) 2:50,5:15,7:40
- **AMC Select Good Hair** (PG-13) 1:15,3:30,8:00
- **Chelsea on** (R) 5:50 P.M.
- **AMC Select Septembr Issue** (PG-13) 4:50 P.M.

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street
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- **AMC Select Precious: Novel** (R) 11:00,1:00,2:00,4:00,5:00,7:00,8:00,10:00
- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) ♦ 10:30,12:15,1:15,3:00,3:55,5:45,6:45,8:30,9:30
- **The Box** (PG-13) 10:40,1:40,4:30,7:30,10:35
- **Men Who Stare** (R) 11:15,12:20,1:50,2:50,4:35,5:35,7:20,8:20,10:05
- **Christmas Carol** (PG) 11:30,2:15,4:55,7:45,10:30
- **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) 11:20,1:55,4:40,7:25,10:15
- **Michael Jackson** (PG) 10:40,11:40,12:40,1:40,2:40,3:40,4:40,5:40,6:40,7:40,8:40,9:40
- **AMC Select Amelia** (PG) 1:20,4:20,7:15,10:10
- **Saw VI** (R) 10:40 P.M.
- **Where the Wild** (PG) 10:35,1:10,4:05,6:55,9:45
- **Paranormal Act** (R) 11:25,1:45,4:10,5:10,6:50,9:20,10:45
- **The Stepfather** (PG-13) 4:10 P.M.
- **Law Abiding** (R) 10:55,1:30,4:15,7:15,10:25
- **Couples Retreat** (PG-13) 10:20 P.M.
- **AMC Select A Serious Man** (R) 10:45,1:30,4:15,7:05,9:50
- **Zombieland** (R) 6:50,9:25
- **AMC Select Coco Before** (PG-13) 11:05,2:05,5:05,8:05,10:40
- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) 11:35,1:55
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 11:10,2:10,7:35

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) ★ 12:10,1:40,2:40,4:10,5:10,6:40,7:40,9:10,10:10
- **Christmas Carol** (PG) ★ 2:10,4:40,7:10,9:40
- **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) ★ 12:20,2:50,5:30,8:10,10:30
- **Men Who Stare** (R) ★ 1:50,2:30,4:20,5:00,6:50,7:30,9:20,10:05
- **The Box** (PG-13) ★ 12:40,1:20,3:40,4:30,6:30,7:20,9:30,10:00
- **Michael Jackson** (PG) ★ 1:30,2:15,4:15,5:20,7:00,8:00,9:45,10:40
- **A Serious Man** (R) 2:00,4:45,7:15,9:50
- **Amelia** (PG) 12:50,3:45,6:45,9:55
- **Astro Boy** (PG) 1:00,3:30
- **Paranormal Act** (R) 1:15,4:00,6:15,8:30,10:45
- **Saw VI** (R) 12:30,3:00,5:40,8:15
- **Law Abiding** (R) 2:20,5:15,7:45,10:20
- **The Stepfather** (PG-13) 3:50,6:20,9:00
- **Where the Wild** (PG) 1:10 P.M.
- **Couples Retreat** (PG-13) 1:45,4:50,7:50,10:25
- **Zombieland** (R) 6:05,8:20,10:35

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
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- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) ★ 11:10,1:40,4:10,6:40,9:10
- **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) ★ 10:50,1:45,4:30,7:30,10:10
- **Men Who Stare** (R) ★ 10:30,11:40,1:20,2:20,4:20,5:15,7:20,8:00,9:45,10:40
- **The Box** (PG-13) ★ 10:10,1:00,4:00,6:50,10:00
- **Michael Jackson** (PG) ★ 10:45,11:20,1:30,2:00,4:15,5:00,7:00,7:40,9:40,10:20
- **Paranormal Act** (R) 10:20,12:50,3:30,6:15,8:30,10:45
- **Law Abiding** (R) 11:30,2:10,4:50,7:45,10:30
- **Where the Wild** (PG) 10:40,1:50,4:40,7:10,9:50
- **Couples Retreat** (PG-13) 10:00,12:40,3:50,6:30,9:30

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1646

- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) ★ 1:40,4:10,6:40,9:10
- **Christmas Carol** (PG) ★ 2:10,4:40,7:10,9:40
- **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) ★ 12:20,2:40,5:10,7:40,10:10
- **The Box** (PG-13) ★ 1:10,4:00,7:00,9:50
- **Michael Jackson** (PG) ★ 1:00,3:45,6:30,9:15,10:15
- **Law Abiding** (R) ★ 1:10,4:00,7:00,9:50
- **Astro Boy** (PG) 1:20,3:50,6:20,8:50
- **Cirque Du Freak** (PG-13) 8:00,10:40
- **Paranormal Act** (R) 1:15,3:40,6:05,8:20,10:30
- **Saw VI** (R) 1:55,4:20,6:45,9:20
- **Law Abiding** (R) 1:40,4:40,7:20,10:00
- **The Stepfather** (PG-13) 2:30,5:00,7:50,10:20
- **Where the Wild** (PG) 2:15,5:20

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SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES) (continued)

- **Couples Retreat** (PG-13) 1:50,4:30,7:15,9:55
- **Zombieland** (R) 2:50,5:15,7:45,10:00

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

4779 W. Cermak
(800) 326-3264 #1644

- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) ★ 1:40,4:10,6:40,9:10
- **Christmas Carol** (PG) ★ 12:10,2:10,2:40,4:40,5:10,7:10,7:40,9:40,10:10
- **The Fourth Kind** (PG-13) ★ 1:50,4:20,6:50,9:30
- **Men Who Stare** (R) ★ 12:20,3:00,5:20,8:00,10:30
- **The Box** (PG-13) ★ 12:40,3:40,6:30,9:20
- **Michael Jackson** (PG) ★ 1:30,2:00,4:15,4:45,7:00,7:30,9:45,10:15
- **Astro Boy** (PG) 12:50,3:50,6:20,9:00
- **Paranormal Act** (R) 1:20,2:15,3:30,4:30,6:10,7:15,8:20,9:50,10:40
- **Saw VI** (R) 12:30,2:50,5:15,7:45,10:00
- **Law Abiding** (R) 1:15,4:00,7:20,9:55
- **The Stepfather** (PG-13) 5:00,7:50,10:20
- **Where the Wild** (PG) 2:20 P.M.

OAK PARK

LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

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- **Men Who Stare** (R) ★ 12:15,2:35,4:55,7:10,9:30
- **Michael Jackson** (PG) ★ 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00
- **Paranormal Act** (R) 12:10,2:10,4:10,6:10,8:10,10:10
- **A Serious Man** (R) 12:20,2:40,5:00,7:20,9:45
- **Where the Wild** (PG) 12:00,2:15,4:30,6:45,9:00
- **Law Abiding** (R) 12:20,2:45,5:10,7:35,10:00

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CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)

1715 MAPLE AVE.
(847)492-0123 ♿

- **Christmas Carol** (PG) ★ 12:05,1:25,2:35,3:55,5:05,6:25,7:35,8:55,10:05
- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) ★ 12:45,3:15,5:45,8:15,10:40
- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) ★ 11:30,2:00,4:25,7:05,9:35
- **Precious: Novel** (R) ★ 11:45,1:05,2:25,3:45,5:05,6:25,7:45,9:05,10:25
- **The Box** (PG-13) ★ 1:30,4:20,7:30,10:20
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Things that turn us on

ALBUM

'The Circle'

Bon Jovi

The New Jersey rockers return with another album of anthemic tunes designed for the hugely profitable stadium tour circuit. The great-



haired one may seem a bit of an anachronism in these indie-obsessed times, but

Jon and the boys still move units by the millions after all these years. The first single, "We Weren't Born to Follow," is the fastest-charting single in the band's career. The special-edition version of the album includes a 22-track DVD with live recordings, videos and behind-the-scenes footage. **SARAH ZUPKO, POPMATTERS.COM**



Hunnam (left) and Perlman
FX

TV

'Sons of Anarchy' 9 p.m. Tuesday, FX

Kurt Sutter's searing drama about the Sons of Anarchy motorcycle club hits yet another gear in the latest episode, "Balm." The feud between Jax (Charlie Hunnam) and Clay (Ron Perlman) reaches a boiling point, getting so hot that Gemma (Katey Sagal) takes drastic measures. ATF Agent Stahl (Ally Walker, great Tuesday) puts pressure on club members to rat on the Real IRA. Don't mess with this woman. "Balm" is a 90-minute episode, so make sure you adjust your DVR. You really don't want to miss a minute of it. **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

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ACROSS

- 1 Ran quickly
- 6 Wear at the edges
- 10 Injure
- 14 Crazy
- 15 Violent anger
- 16 Off-Broadway award
- 17 Out of _; not feeling well
- 18 Individuals
- 19 Boys
- 20 Alluring
- 22 Longs for the presence of
- 24 Actor Foxx
- 25 AA, AAA, or C
- 26 Peaceful
- 29 1/16 of a pound
- 30 Indignation
- 31 Nuts
- 33 Conceals
- 37 Metallic element used in alloys
- 39 Old stringed instruments
- 41 Moniker
- 42 Donate money to a college
- 44 Antitoxin
- 46 Father's Day gift, perhaps
- 47 Basic assumption
- 49 Take the gun from
- 51 In addition to
- 54 Source of harm
- 55 Second of two
- 56 Golfer's hazard
- 60 Thailand's location
- 61 Refuse to talk to
- 63 Shorthand user
- 64 Clark _; alias of Superman
- 65 Projecting part of a roof
- 66 Upper crust
- 67 Rim
- 68 Close tightly
- 69 Religious belief

DOWN

- 1 Go skyward
- 2 Abbr. following many poems
- 3 Pony-drawn vehicle
- 4 Whole
- 5 Come down
- 6 Fern growth
- 7 Pealed

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| 13 Sloppy | 38 Think deeply | 59 Longfellow or Wordsworth |
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Big cat field guide

Should you ever meet Demi Moore, take our advice: Don't call her a cougar.

"I'd prefer to be called a puma," she says in the new issue of W magazine.

Moore, who turns 47 this week, claims she came up with the new title herself and "Twittered it out," she said. "People wrote back hilarious stuff, saying, 'I'm going to get T-shirts that say puma power.'"

The actress and prolific Twitterer, of course, is happily hitched to Ashton Kutcher, 31.

Cougar, puma—what's next, jungle cat? If we're going to honor Moore's cougar subdivision, maybe we need to recategorize some of our other favorite Hollywood cougars. **ARIEL ALEXOVICH, REDEYE**



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KITTEN

Def.: A woman in her 30s who dates a man fewer than five years her junior.

Embodied by: Reese Witherspoon



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PUMA

Def.: An over-40 woman who gets hitched to a man some 15 years younger and lives happily ever after with him, her ex and their kids.

Embodied by: Demi Moore



SABER-TOOTH

Def.: A woman at least 65 years old who dates a man at least 20 years younger.

Embodied by: Maude in the film "Harold and Maude"



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LIONESS

Def.: A female actress who plays a cougar (or any other variation) on TV or in movies.

Embodied by: Courteney Cox Arquette



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CHEETAH

Def.: A woman of any age who pairs up with younger men primarily for sexual gratification.

Embodied by: Samantha Jones, "Sex and the City"

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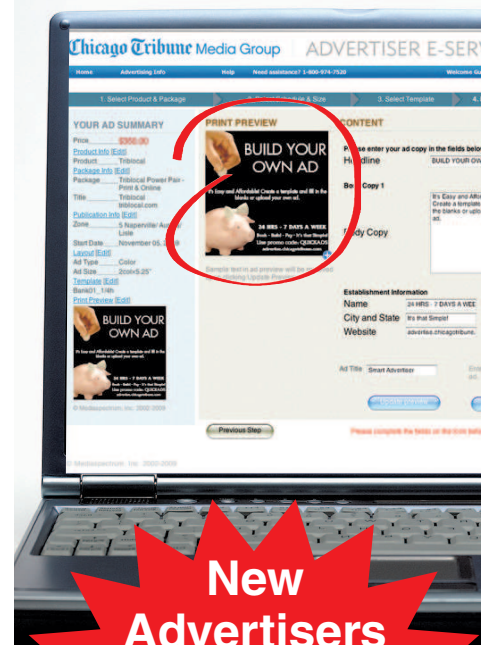
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Hello, CAPTAIN AWESOME

Ryan McPartlin doesn't think he could live in Chicago full-time.

"I'd be 350 pounds easily," the Glen Ellyn native told RedEye on Monday.

That extra weight wouldn't be good for the actor, whose buff character with the nickname "Captain Awesome" will be going shirtless again on the upcoming third season of NBC's "Chuck."

"I went home to Chicago and spent a lot of time at Giordano's and Portillo's," he said of his hiatus from the filming the show. "And of course, right away they're like, 'Your shirt's coming off.'"

"It took me about three weeks to get back into 'Awesome' shape."

McPartlin will be showing those Awesome abs a lot more now that NBC has ordered six more episodes for a total of 19. The "unofficial word" is that the spy comedy will return in January instead of March, McPartlin said.

"Who knows how much I'd stay in shape if I didn't have this job," McPartlin said, adding that he needs roles like Vince Vaughn gets. "He lets it all out. It seems like he had more success doing that. You know? I'm kind of looking forward to those days."

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Price per ticket for the star-filled Second City alumni show Dec. 12 listed by one poster on Craigslist. The tickets sold out last weekend at the price of \$125.



Zach Gilford and friend Jenny Griffin watch last Saturday's Bulls game from the front row. NUCCIODINUZZO/TRIBUNE

'Friday Night' courtside

Zach Gilford, who plays good-guy Matt Saracen on TV's "Friday Night Lights," was stirring things up during Saturday's Bulls game. The Evanston native had front-row seats at the Bulls-Bobcats game.

When Charlotte coach Larry Brown told a referee, "You can't be this unfair," Gilford yelled, "You're doing a good job, 52" in reference to the official's uniform number, according to the Tribune.

He was sitting fewer than 5 feet from Brown.

The 27-year-old Northwestern grad plays a bad boy in his next film, "Dare," opening Friday.

Lip stink

Hold up ... Britney Spears lip-syncs? (Cue eye rolling.) About 100 fans were disappointed by this revelation and walked out of a "lackluster" concert Friday in Perth, Australia, people.com reports. John Mayer came to her defense, tweeting, "If you're shocked that Britney was lip-synching at her concert and want your money back, life may continue to be hard for you."



Bayside baby

Those crazy kids from Bayside High have grown up so fast. Former "Saved by the Bell" and "Beverly Hills, 90210" star Tiffani Thiessen and her husband, Brady Smith, are expecting their first baby in May, people.com reports. Thiessen, 35, currently stars in the USA drama "White Collar." No word on how Zack Morris took the baby news.

Gaga tales

From Muppets to religious figures, there's nothing safe from Lady Gaga's artistic take on the world. Her current target? Classic fairy tales. [Nymag.com](http://nymag.com) has a preview of the December issue of Vogue magazine in which Gaga is featured in an Annie Leibovitz photo essay. In it, she plays the witch from Hansel and Gretel. One photo features Gaga inside of a burning stove wearing ridiculously high heels. Totally hot.

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